

Remarks/Arguments

All of the informalities listed on page 2 of the Office action have been corrected as required, except for that relating to reference numeral 126. It is believed that that reference numeral has been adequately described on page 10, line 17, to indicate a surface of the substrate 124. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the disclosure is respectfully requested.

With respect to the requirement on page 2 of the Office action that the reference numerals in FIGS. 2, 3 and 4 "need to be correspondingly described", the description of those figures spanning page 5, line 7, through page 9, line 27, has been carefully reviewed. It is submitted that the structural features identified by the reference numerals in FIGS. 2-4 have been accurately and completely described. The Examiner is respectfully requested to indicate specifically any deficiencies in the description of those figures so that correction(s) can be made.

Submitted herewith are drawing replacement sheets 1/3 and 2/3 revising FIGS. 2 and 3 as required. Annotated sheets are also included. Approval of the replacement sheets is respectfully requested.

Claim 9 has been amended as suggested on page 3 of the Office action; accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to that claim is requested.

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 8 stand rejected as anticipated by Allison, et al.; claims 1, 4, 8, 9 and 12-14 stand rejected as anticipated by Barkdoll, et al.; and dependent claims 5 and 15 stand rejected as unpatentable over Barkdoll, et al., in view of Allison, et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Although the body of the Office action is silent in this regard, it would appear from the cover page of the action that

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dependent claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16 and 17, indicated as objected to, would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 9 to incorporate the subject matters of dependent claims 2 and 10, respectively. Accordingly, it is believed that the independent claims as revised, and all of the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the applied art, and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully solicited.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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FIG. 1
 PRIOR ART

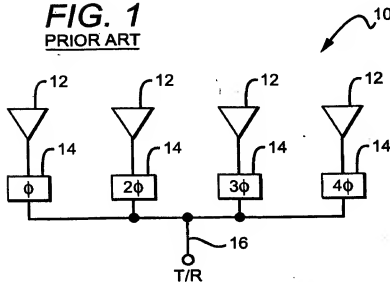


FIG. 2

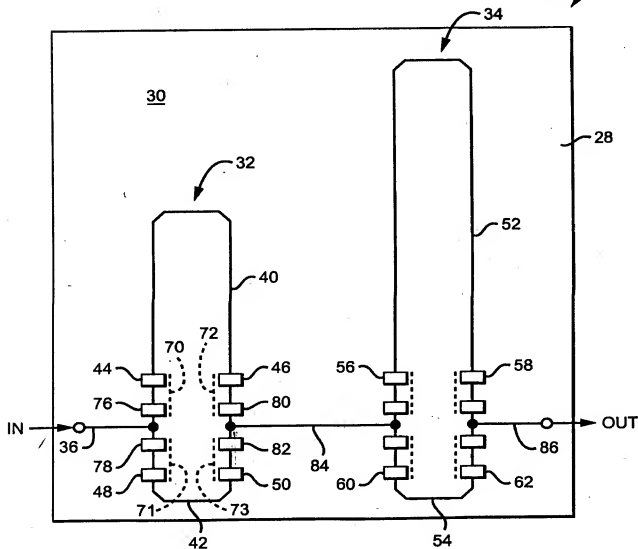
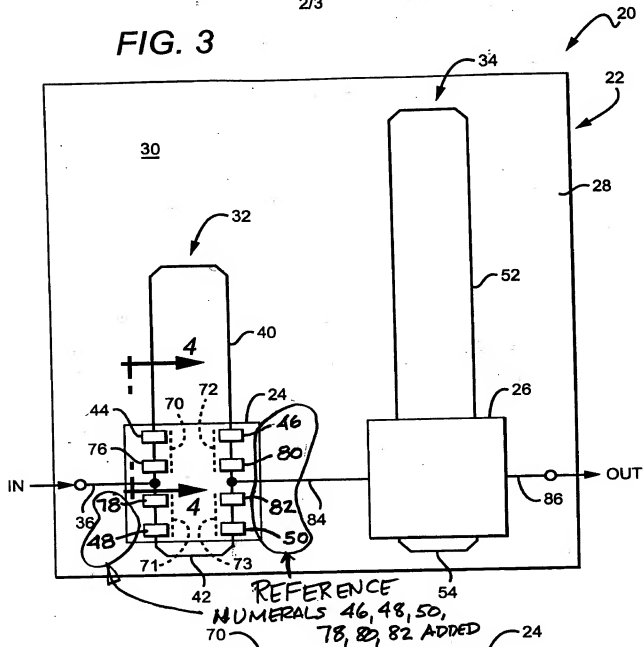


FIG. 3



REFERENCE 54
NUMERALS 46, 48, 50,
78, 80, 82 ADDED

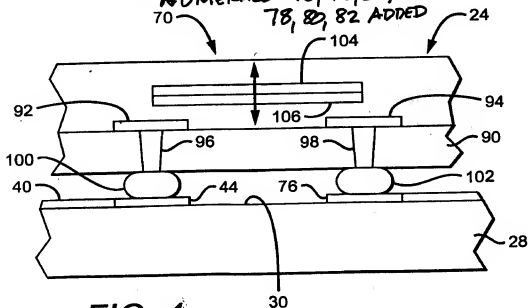


FIG. 4